Suggestions from Indian T.V. Manufacturing Association

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian T.V. Manufacturers Association has suggested to allow broadbanding in consumer electronics industry to achieve economies of scales;

(b) what is the present policy of Government and whether broadbanding is restricted only to few units. If so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether manufacture of components is limited for captive use only and whether physical controls and phased manufacturing programme eliminate competitiveness in the industry. If so, the remedial measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The broad-banding for consumer electronic products is permitted in following two categories:—

(1) Entertainment Audio Produces covering radio receivers, tape recorders, record players, record chargers, amplifiers, excluding those reserved for small scale and their combination with or without digital clocks.

(2) Entertainment Video Products covering B & W TV receivers, Colour TV receivers and their combination with radio, tape recorder, digital clock but excluding VCR/VCP.

The above broadbanding is applicable to all units.

(c) No, Sir.

District Level Planning

464. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to initiate District level planning an-d demarcate specific areas for planning at that level, if so the details thereof:

(b) whether the concept will augment financial liabilities to the Panchayat In stitutions and if so. what is Government's decision with regard *to* sanctioning more finan Panchayat Samitis at blcclv irt level; and

(c) an expe:iment has been initiated in some States if so, the details thereof and whether the samo have proved successful?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE M'NISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) District level *planning* exercise, already *going on* in several States, is proposed to be strengthened and its coveiage --ni irged so that by the time Eighth Plan is formulated it would be ponsible to base it also, *interalia* on District 'evel plans. A tzntative _ list of programmes in varo'.u sectors of District Plan has been suggested by the Working Group on District Planning which has heen recommended to the States. The list covers ae"s like Agriculture, Rural Development, Animal Husbandry, Forests Fisheries Minor Irrigation Drinking Water, Handloom etc,

(b) and (c) Financial devolution and vesting of avenues for raising resources i_s a part of the effort to promote District level planning. States have also been urged to provide some funds of united' nature to be used in the discretion at the local level; for planning pur- ~~ poses. Already united funds $_a$re being provided to districts i_n several States. This encouraging local initiative in Planning.